GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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INCREASE IN EXPENDITURE ON EDUCATION
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the percentage of total expenditure on education being incurred on the elementary education has been falling since the Fifth Five Year Plan period;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government propose to take some measures for increasing the total expenditure on education, particularly education in terms of percentage;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. RITA VERMA)

(a) & (b): No, Sir. In fact the percentage of outlays on elementary education has increased from 35% in the Fifth Five Year Plan to66% in the Ninth Five Year Plan.

(c) to (e): Public Expenditure on education has shown a continuous upward trend in the last five decades. The percentage of budgeted expenditure on education and training to total revenue expenditure on all sectors (Centre and States) has risen steadily from 7.92 in 1951 to 14.06 in 1999-2000 (BE). It has been the constant endeavour of the Government to raise the allocation for education. The Central Planallocation on education for the Ninth Plan is Rs. 24,908 crore asagainst the expenditure of Rs. 8522 crore in the Eighth Plan. This represents an increase by 192%.